IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: **Efficiency of Fault Simulation By
        Logic Backtracing**

Applicants: **Xinghao Chen, et al.**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2006. Please amend

the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2

of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.